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(U) ARGENTINA: AMIA INVESTIGATION. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS
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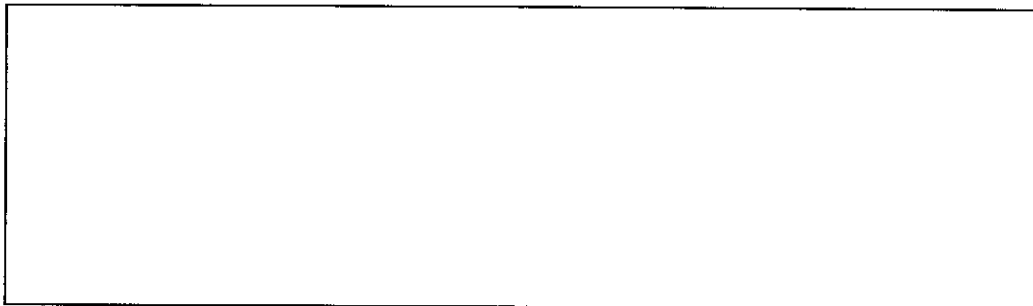
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BEEN A FLURRY OF ARRESTS SINCE THE HIRC HEARINGS HERE ON PROGRESS IN ARGENTINA'S INVESTIGATION OF THE 1994 AMIA BOMBING, THE CASE IS NO CLOSER TO RESOLUTION. CARLOS TELLELDIN IS STILL IN CUSTODY BUT REFUSES TO TELL WHAT, IF ANYTHING, HE KNOWS ABOUT THE ALLEGED CONNECTION BETWEEN CORRUPT BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE AND THOSE WHO ORCHESTRATED THE 1994 ATTACK. BUT THE EMBASSY REPORTS THE INVESTIGATION'S REINVIGORATION HAS AT LEAST EASED FEARS, ESPECIALLY IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, THAT GOA OFFICIALS WERE UNWILLING TO PURSUE EVEN THE SLIM LEADS THEY HAD. (FEATHERSTONE)

(U) CHILE: APEC BILATERAL. THE SECRETARY AGREED TO HAVE A 20-MINUTE PULL-ASIDE WITH FM INSULZA DURING A COFFEE BREAK AT THE APEC MINISTERIAL IN OSAKA. (FEATHERSTONE)



(BENSON)

(C) BRAZIL: ADVOCATING UN REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. BRAZIL'S UN MISSION HAS FLOATED THE IDEA OF "REVITALIZING DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE UN SYSTEM," AND MAY INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION
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TO THAT EFFECT. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE U.S. DELEGATE, THE BRAZILIANS PRESENTED THE CONCEPT AS A DEPARTURE FROM NORTH/SOUTH DEBT POLEMICS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME SAW IT AS A WAY TO INFLUENCE DECISIONS AT THE IMF AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. THE U.S. DELEGATE REPLIED THAT THE USG WOULD PROBABLY NOT SUPPORT THE CONCEPT, PREFERRING TO LEAVE SUCH MATTERS TO MORE COMPETENT ORGANIZATIONS. BRAZIL'S WISH TO LEAVE THE OLD RHETORIC BEHIND IS COMMENDABLE, AND MAY REFLECT ITS NEW

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INTERNATIONALIST ASPIRATIONS. BRINGING THE IMF UNDER UN
SCRUTINY, HOWEVER, SEEMS A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.
(LUFTMAN)

(U) CHILE: GAS PIPELINES RECEIVE GOC AUTHORIZATION. THE
ECONOMY MINISTRY GRANTED CONCESSIONS TO THE CONSORTIUMS
GAS ANDES AND TRANSGAS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TWO GAS
PIPELINES FOR THE IMPORT OF GAS FROM ARGENTINA. THE
PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO BRING 5 MILLION CUBIC OF METERS
OF GAS DAILY TO CHILE, AND RESULT IN A 10 PERCENT DROP IN
THE COST OF ELECTRICITY. THE TWO PIPELINES ARE SCHEDULED
TO BE OPERATIONAL IN LATE 1997. (GUMBINER)
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